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SUMMARY: CURRENT MISAWA JFAP PROJECT PLANS AS ENVISIONED IN RECENT INSTRUCTIONS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE WITH EXCEPTION OF USG DESIRES FOR JFY-73 CONSTRUCTION OF OPERATIONAL PROJECTS. GOJ CONSIDERS THAT EFFORT TO INCLUDE SUCH PROJECTS IN JFY-73 WOULD CARRY MARGINAL BENEFIT AT BEST AND MOST LIKELY BE FUTILE. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY, COMUSJAPAN, AND DISTRICT ENGINEER JAPAN ARE EXECUTING INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL. US WILLINGNESS ACCEPT GOJ OFFER TO CONSTRUCT NEW BEQ AS REPLACEMENT FOR TEN EXISTING BEQ'S HAS MADE POSSIBLE RESOLUTION VIRTUALLY ALL CURRENT PROBLEMS AT MISAWA. ISSUE REMAINING OUTSTANDING IS THAT OF GOJ CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONAL FACILITIES DURING JFY-73.

2. POL/MIL COUNSELOR HAS PRESSED FONOFF REPEATEDLY ON CONSTRUCTION OF OPERATIONAL FACILITIES AT MISAWA, WITH FIRST REPRESENTATION TAKING PLACE JULY 13. AT THAT TIME CHIEF
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SECURITY DIVISION MATSUDA NOTED THAT ONLY MEANS BY WHICH GOJ

COULD UNDERTAKE CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONAL FACILITIES WOULD BE BY AUGMENTING JFY-73 BUDGET FOR JFAP SINCE MONIES ALREADY ALLOCATED TO BEQ PROJECT COULD NOT BE DIVERTED. FONOFF SINCE JULY 13 HAS BEEN WORKING WITH DFAA AND MINFIN TO ASCERTAIN FEASIBILITY OF OBTAINING SUPPLEMENTAL MONEY IS JFY-73 TO BUILD OPERATIONAL FACILITIES.

3. ON AUGUST 14 MATSUDA NOTED TO POL/MIL COUNSELOR THAT IT WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR GOJ REQUEST SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FROM DIET UNTIL SEPTEMBER AT EARLIEST. SINCE SEPTEMBER ALREADY IS LATE IN CONSTRUCTION SEASON IN NORTHERN HONSHU, EVEN IF FUNDS WERE PROVIDED PROMPTLY BY DIET AND MINFIN, WORK ON MOST PROJECTS COULD NOT BEGIN IN ANY CASE UNTIL SPRING THAW (MARCH 1974). AS GOJ IS ON FISCAL YEAR EXPENDITURES BASIS AND CANNOT REQUEST FUNDS WHICH CANNOT BE SPENT WITHIN SPECIFIC FISCAL YEAR, DFAA COULD NOT RPT NOT MAKE GOOD CASE WITH MINFIN FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS IN JFY-73. SINCE JFY-74 BEGINS APRIL 1, 1974, THERE WOULD BE VIRTUALLY NO RPT NO PROACTICAL EFFECT IN ATTEMPTING INCLUDE FUNDS IN JFY-73 FOR OPERATIONAL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION.

4. WHEN PRESSED AS TO WHETHER GOJ WOULD BE ABLE TO PROCESS PAPER WORK FOR OPEATIONAL FACILITIES DURING REMAINDER JFY-73 DESPITE FACT THAT FUNDS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN CURRENT BUDGET, MATSUDA REPLIED THAT SUCH WORK COULD BEGIN AS SOON AS MINFIN HAS ACCEPTED INCLUSION OF OPERATIONAL FACILITIES IN PROPOSED JFY-74 BUDGET. FYI: GOJ AGENCIES ALREADY HAVE BEGUN PROCESS OF COMPILING JFY-74 BUDGET, AND MINFIN FINAL APPROVAL GENERALLY TAKES PLACE IN JANUARY OF EACH YEAR. END FYI.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT WE NOT RPT NOT CONTINUE PRESS GOJ FOR INCLUSION OF OPERATIONAL PROJECTS IN JFY-73 BUT INSTEAD FOCUS OUR EFFORTS ON DEVELOPING FULL JFY-74 JFAP BUDGET.
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